

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 because the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance (for the reasons discussed herein); (b) do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration (as the amendments amplify issues previously discussed throughout prosecution); (c) satisfy a requirement of form asserted in the previous Office Action; (d) do not present any additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims; and (e) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. The amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented because they are made in response to arguments raised in the final rejection. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as indefinite. Claim 1 is amended to obviate this rejection. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-10 under §112, second paragraph, are respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,714,111 to Suzuki in view of JP-A- 2002-141227 to Saito et al. (hereinafter "Saito"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action asserts that the combination of Suzuki and Saito teach the features positively recited in claim 1. However, the above references in combination cannot reasonably be considered to have suggested the combination of all of the features positively recited in claim 1. The Office Action fails to consider the features of claim 1 because the Office Action asserts that the claim recites functional language, and generally asserts that any

"adjustment" would have arrived those features of claim 1. The Office Action indicates that the features cited in Suzuki and Saito may be combined to produce a device that is not structurally distinguishable from the subject matter of the pending claims. This assertion is incorrect.

Claim 1 positively recites structural features including a magnetic resin formed of a resin containing a predetermined amount of a magnetic substance to thereby obtain predetermined magnetic characteristics, the magnetic resin having a predetermined thickness and covering at least one predetermined portion of the winding unit with respect to a core length direction to thereby define a predetermined coverage area, whereby the primary and the secondary windings have respective predetermined leakage inductances. No permissible combination of the applied references can reasonably be considered to have suggested this combination of structurally-clarified features.

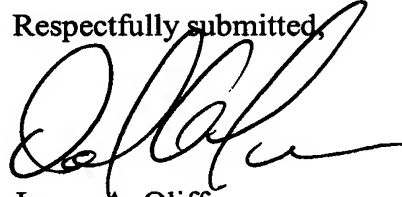
For at least the above reasons, no permissible combination of the applied references can reasonably be considered to have suggested the combination of all of the features positively recited in independent claim 1. No permissible combination of the applied references can also reasonably be considered to have suggested the combinations of all of the features positively recited in claims 2-10, at least for their dependence on allowable independent claim 1, as well as for the separately patentable subject matter that each of these claims recites.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending rejections of the Office Action under 35 U.S.C. §103 are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-10 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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